

Remarks

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed January 30, 2007. Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 6-12 have been previously withdrawn from consideration. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider this Response and the accompanying documents, which are believed to place the Application in condition for allowance.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 1, 3, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,796,485 to Seidler ("Seidler"). The Examiner also maintained the rejection of claims 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seidler. The Examiner also indicated that the declarations submitted with the previous response were considered ineffective to overcome Seidler.

Applicants submit new declarations of Gustave Fagrenius and Fredrik Palmqvist, the inventors in the instant Application. Applicants submit that the Declarations and attached Exhibit A, which is referenced by the Declarations, show that the inventors conceived of and possessed the invention of the instant Application prior to Seidler's effective filing date of January 24, 2002. The present Application claims priority to European Patent Application 02388032.1 ("the EP Application"), which was filed on April 30, 2002. Applicants further submit that the invention was reduced to practice (i.e., at least constructively reduced to practice by the filing of European Patent Application 02388032.1 on April 30, 2002) during the time between the filing date of Seidler and the EP Application.

As a result, Seidler is not a prior art reference to the instant Application. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections based on Seidler be withdrawn.

Conclusion

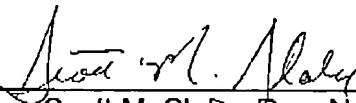
Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Response and the accompanying documents, which are believed to place the application in better condition for allowance. In view of the remarks and accompanying documents, Applicants

respectfully request reconsideration of the application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988 under Attorney Docket No. SZACP0102US.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A referenced in Declarations